

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Consumer Affairs Food & Civil Supplies Department – National Food Security Act 2013 – Doorstep Delivery of Distribution of Rice and other Essential Commodities through Mobile Dispensing Units (MDUs) – Release of an amount of Rs.500/- per Village / Ward Volunteer as an additional incentive for three months i.e., from January, 2024 to March, 2024 for their involvement in Doorstep Delivery of Distribution through Mobile Dispensing Units - Orders - Issued.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES (CS.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 2,

Dated:14 .02.2024.

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.10, dated:24.08.2020 of the Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies (CS.I) department.
2. G.O.Ms.No.12, dated:09.11.2020 of the Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies (CS.I) department.
3. CCS.Ref.No.PDS.II(I)/1025/135/2023, dated:26.12.2023.
4. Lr.No.529/Supt/GSWS/2023,dated:27.12.2023 of the Director, GVWV & VSWS department, A.P., Vijayawada.

ORDER

Government of Andhra Pradesh with a view to realize the true spirit of National Food Security Act, 2013 and to ensure that the entitlements to reach all the beneficiaries with correct weighment at their doorstep, orders were issued in the reference 1st& 2nd read above for supply of scheduled commodities at the doorstep of the Rice card holders through 9260 four wheeler mini truck vehicles (Mobile Dispensing Units) engaged by the A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, for a contract period of 6 years i.e., from 2021-22.

2. The 9260 un-employed youth of SC, ST, BC, EBC, Minority and Christian categories were identified by the respective Welfare Corporations and appointed as Mobile Dispensing Unit operators towards sustainable livelihood and economic upliftment of unemployed youth.

3. At present, the department is distributing Sortex Fortified Rice, Redgram Dal, Sugar, Wheat Atta, Ragi & Jowar (in Rayalaseema districts) at the doorstep of the cardholders through MDUs duly incurring an amount of Rs.6200 crores per annum covering 1.49 crore rice cardholders consisting of 4.33 crore beneficiaries. In spite of monitoring at various level, instances were noticed on non-compliance of door

delivery of ECs by the MDUs. Thus, an additional layer at grass root level is required to monitor the door delivery of Essential Commodities and to strengthen the Public Distribution System.

4. It is pertinent to mention that, to decentralize the administration and bring accountability at the grass root level, the Government of Andhra Pradesh has established a unique system of Village and Ward secretariats. The Government has recruited regular employees for each such village/ward secretariat along with a volunteer for every cluster of 50 households in the entire State to ensure administration and a multitude of Government schemes reach the doorstep of its citizens. A well targeted and properly functioning Targeted Public Distribution System is an important constituent of the strategy for poverty eradication. However, the existing Public Distribution System as it now stands has a room for improvement while reaching the targeted beneficiaries at their doorstep.

5. It is not out of place to mention that, other welfare schemes of the Government (viz., old age pensions etc) are being successfully implemented with the involvement of Village / Ward volunteers at the doorstep of the beneficiaries which is resulting in utmost satisfaction of the targeted beneficiaries. Further, though the distribution of Sortex Fortified Rice under Public Distribution System was universalized, awareness levels of cardholders on the benefits of Sortex Fortified Rice was not as envisaged and there is a need to bridge the knowledge gap of cardholders by utilizing the services of volunteers. Therefore, it is decided to utilize the services of the Village / Ward volunteers to monitor the doorstep delivery of Public Distribution System through MDUs at micro level thereby improving effectiveness of doorstep delivery and to create awareness amongst the Rice card holders on the benefits of the Sortex Fortified Rice usage under Public Distribution System.

6. In the reference 3rd & 4th read above, instructions were issued by the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada and the Director, GVWV & VSWS department, A.P., Vijayawada to involve the Village / Ward Volunteer in the door delivery distribution of commodities through MDUs and other Public Distribution

System activities as a pilot project, so as to streamline and strengthen the scheme to the true spirit of the National Food Security Act, 2013.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter, **hereby order for release of an amount of Rs.500/- per Village / Ward Volunteer per month from the internal funds of the A.P.State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, A.P., Vijayawada as an additional incentive for three months i.e., from January, 2024 to March, 2024 on pilot basis** for their involvement & services rendered in the door delivery distribution of commodities through Mobile Dispensing Units and other Public Distribution System activities as mentioned below:

- I. Volunteer shall maintain a liaison with the MDU operator of his / her cluster.
- II. Prior intimation shall be given to the rice cardholders by the volunteers one day before about the arrival of MDU vehicle in their locality for commencement of distribution.
- III. Volunteers have to accompany with the MDU vehicle till the completion of distribution in their jurisdiction as per their job chart.
- IV. Inform cardholders who missed their schedule of distribution to avail their entitlements through MDUs, kept available at concerned Village/ward secretariats on the 17th evening for distributing ECs.
- V. Volunteers shall ensure to sensitize the Non-Mapped Cardholders to draw the Ration from their residing Cluster MDU under portability.
- VI. In case of failure of biometric by all means, commodities shall be distributed through the Volunteer as indicated below:
 - a. Best finger/Fusion finger process shall be adopted in case, the biometrics of the cardholder fails.
 - b. Iris capture (Iris readers available with all MDU Operators) shall be utilized in case both the biometric, Best finger / fusion finger process fail.
 - c. If fusion finger process and Iris capture also fails, then eKYC of the member shall be taken only after exhausting the above process, nominee facility will be automatically enabled for the Volunteer to authenticate the receipt of commodities on behalf of cardholder

- VII. Sensitize the cardholders on the benefits and quality of Sortex Fortified Rice. (Madhyastha Sanna Biyyam)
- VIII. Volunteers shall utilize the new version AePDS app and shall capture the distribution points at once and confirm the doorstep distribution of ECs through MDUs on every month.
- IX. Volunteers shall monitor the doorstep delivery of ECs through MDUs in the identified GPS tracking Points (Distribution Points) in their cluster area.
- X. If any deviations are observed i.e., non-distribution of ECs in the identified GPS tracking Points, the Volunteer shall report the same to the VRO (or) Civil Supplies Deputy Tahsildars for taking necessary action.
- XI. Volunteers shall confirm their presence with the MDU vehicle during the distribution period in their jurisdiction and to report in the AEPDS app whether the MDU operators have distributed the commodities at all the identified tracking points in their cluster.
- XII. Volunteer shall report the death units every month through mobile app to the Tahsildars through the VRO.

8. The VC & Managing Director, A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, A.P., Vijayawada and the Director, GWWV & VSWS department, A.P., Vijayawada shall workout the mode of monthly payment to the Village / Ward Volunteer @ Rs.500/- per each volunteer and ensure payment to the Village / Ward Volunteer **from January, 2024 to March, 2024** from the internal funds available with the AP State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, A.P., Vijayawada.

9. All the District Collectors, Joint Collectors, District Civil Supplies Officer, District In-charge officers, GWWV & VSWS Department, Municipal Commissioners, Divisional Development Officers and Mandal Parishad Development Officers in the State shall comply with the instructions issued in the references 3rd&4th read above and ensure to follow the above activities by the Village / Ward Volunteer in the door delivery distribution of commodities through Mobile Dispensing Units.

10. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P. Vijayawada and the Vice Chairman & Managing Director, A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited, A.P., Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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EX.OFFICIO SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P. Vijayawada,
The VC & Managing Director, Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.,
Vijayawada.

The Director, GVWV & VSWS department, A.P., Vijayawada

Copy to:

The Principal Secretary to Finance department, A.P. Secretariat.

All the District Collectors

All the Joint Collectors (CS)

All District Civil Supplies Officers.

All the District In-charge officers, GVWV & VSWS department,

All the Municipal Commissioners,

All the Divisional Development Officers

All the Mandal Parishad Development Officers

The OSD to the Hon'ble Minister, Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies dept.
SF/SC.

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